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BOMBARDING BOERS

General Buller Destroys a Bridge to Protect Advance of Artillery—Deadly Lyddite Shells to be Used.

Scripps-McRae League.

Modder River, Dec. 26.—The naval brigade got the range of all the Boer trenches today, compelling the enemy to stop work on them during daylight.

London, Dec. 26.—The latest news from Gen. Buller says he has destroyed the wagon bridge across the Tugela river, and indicates the presence of a large Boer force south of the stream. It is not likely that by blowing up the bridge Gen. Buller has entrapped this force, as it can easily withdraw by fords above and below Colenso. The

fear was that this party of Boers would attack the railway communication to prevent the arrival of fresh artillery, which explains why Gen. Buller sent two brigades back to Frere.

It is likely that Buller's loss of artillery will shortly be remedied in part. The transport battalion which carries the companies of siege artillery, is now due at the cape. All ordnance aboard uses lyddite shells. The vessel will proceed immediately to Durban and the guns will be rushed to the front at once. Health and condition of Buller's troops is excellent.

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The Sampson-Schley Controversy by Making Them Vice Admirals.

Scripps-McRae League.

Washington, Dec. 26.—It is said that Senator Wellington, one of Rear Admiral Schley's staunchest friends, will agree to the adoption of a resolution by congress thanking Sampson and Schley, in the order named, for their services in the Spanish-American war. Also that the president will nominate them for the grade of vice admiral, giving Sampson the precedence. This is expected to end the controversy.

HAPPY MERCHANTS.

Guthrie Merchants Elated Over Holiday Business, Which Was Big.

E. A. Douglas, the jeweler, had extra help last week, and yet it was hard work for him to promptly wait on his customers. He says his trade just doubles each year.

Mr. Hirsch of the Grand Leader, says: "We all feel like taking a lay off. Work! Why, my dear boy, we never in our whole life before worked quite so hard as we did last week. Look at the stock, or rather look where the stock was! I guess I'll have to hurry off and buy goods. We can't sell something we have not got."

C. W. White says he felt like asking his customers not to buy everything in his store last week, as he was too poor to go east just now to buy a new stock. Mr. White says he could have given employment to about three additional salesmen, but he did not have the room behind the counters. His engravers will be busy on Christmas goods for the next month.

Mr. Eisenhardt, of the popular shoe firm of Eisenhardt & Wecker, says: "We sold more footwear last week than ever before and of a much better quality. I think the people have worked out the problem that they spend two-thirds of their life in their shoes, and that a little time and thought spent in selecting their shoes is a good thing."

Bert Maine of the New York clothing store states that their business for last Saturday was several hundred dollars more than for the corresponding day last year.

Joe Sundelbach of the Fair says: "Our business last week was immense. We feel that from the returns the people have every confidence in us as merchants, that our goods are up-to-the-minute in style, quality and price, and we heartily thank our customers for their liberal patronage."

F. B. Lillie, the original and only Santa Claus headquarters, said that in the rush last week he forgot to give himself and his friend Lucas a Christmas present, but if there was anything left in the store he would give one and Lucas, well, he would give him a present on his twenty-fifth birthday anniversary. "The business done by our house last week," said Mr. Lillie, "was far beyond my expectation. We sold toys etc., but books seemed to be in the lead for presents."

Z. C. Moore of the Cyclone said: "A cyclone would not be in it for moving goods with my last week's business. My clerks were worked almost to death, but then, I jollied them up with a nice Christmas present each and they forgot how tired they were."

Sam Franklin the Richelleu grocer— "The best that can be made"—forgot to eat during the week's big business. Sam said, "Gee, but I had a big trade and the fine goods I sold, it almost made me cry to see them carried out of the store. I love fine groceries."

The Levy of the Bee Hive clothing store, remarked today that a full page ad of his in the Leader last week paid him better than any advertisement he has ever had.

R. W. Ramsay, "Ramsay Bros. of course," said that last week was the most satisfactory week of business in the history of their Guthrie store. "We sold most all of our special holiday goods and our shelves are ready for new goods."

Mr. Behr, of the Rush—"When I came to Guthrie I expected to get a share of the business due the Rush, but it strikes me that the Rush got its share and then some."

The Editor's Present.

There were many Christmas offerings yesterday, but none were more highly appreciated than a present received by the editor of the Leader from the office force.

Renfro's Closing out of Christmas Goods Has Begun

And will continue until everything is sold regardless of cost, and if you want to get goods for half their value, come at once before the stock is broken. We are the old reliable

Renfro DRUG COMPANY

306 OKLA. AVE., OPP. POSTOFFICE.

The Drug Department goes on just the same and we will make

Special Prices on Drugs For the Next Ten Days.

RECALLED AMERICAN

Gen. Sir William Butler From Cape Colony Because of Pro-Boer Sympathies.

Filibustering Expeditions Objected to by British Embassy.

Scripps-McRae League.

London, Dec. 26.—The recall of Gen. Sir William Butler, who was commander-in-chief of the imperial forces in Cape Colony before the war broke out, is apt to be the first point of attack on the government when parliament convenes in February. Butler was ordered home ostensibly because of his pro-Boer sympathies. Now it appears that Butler, previous to hostilities, warned the government of the strength of the Boers, insisting that the British intelligence office was grossly misinformed as to the power and armament of the republics. He deprecated war until England had made big preparations. This sort of advice was extremely distasteful to the home office, hence Butler's recall. Gen. Forester Walker is his successor.

CHRISTMAS SUPPERS.

Two Young Men Take to Themselves a Bride Each.

G. A. Thompson and Miss Elmy Baster were married yesterday noon at the home of the bride, Rev. Miles officiating. After the ceremony a delicious dinner was served. The happy couple left on the 12:30 train for Mountain View, O. T., where they will make their home. Mr. Thompson is a most excellent young man and has a host of friends here, who join as one in wishing him a prosperous future. The bride is the handsome daughter of Mrs. Phillips. Frank McGuire and Miss Edith Tipton did the honors of best man and maid.

Mary Phillips was married last Sunday in Wichita to Miss Winnie Wood. The couple went there on Saturday evening and are visiting friends for a week. The groom is a fine young man, a clerk in the New York clothing house. The bride is a highly accomplished young lady. She is a school teacher and has recently taught a few miles northwest of the city. Best wishes for future prosperity and happiness is extended them.

A \$15,000 Fire at Ardmore.

Scripps-McRae League.

Ardmore, December 26.—Fire this morning destroyed the ware house of Stevens, Kennedy & Sprague, the City steam laundry, and damaged the Odd Fellows' building. The loss is \$15,000. It is covered by insurance.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take the active Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c



Make the Hair Grow

With warm shampoo of CUTICURA SOAP and light dressing of CUTICURA Ointment, the most perfect skin cure. This treatment at once stops falling hair, removes dandruff, restores the roots with energy and nourishment, and makes the hair grow when all else fails.

Sold throughout the world. For sale by E. W. Grove, Sole Proprietor, Boston. "How to Grow Your Hair" sent free. Cuticura remedies are for sale at the Eagle Drug Store.

TERRITORIAL SKETCHES.

Cashing wants a direct telephone line to Stroud.

Norman wants a hitching rack for farmer's horses.

The short change game is called flipfopping in Ardmore.

A Hennessey girl has been given a \$500 piano as a Christmas present.

A Woodward man wants to know whether a probate judge can marry himself.

A. W. Sturtevant of Stillwater will get one-seventh of an estate of \$110,000 left by his father.

Cox, Cheyenne's lumber dealer, has forty head of mules constantly on the road with his freight wagon trains.

Chief Huffington today turned over the authenticated Cherokee rolls to the Dawes commission for their guidance in making up the final rolls for allotment. There was no effort made by the chief to refuse to deliver them as he thought on account of rumors that the capitol building would be burned they would be safer in the hands of the government.

W. D. Fossett, deputy United States marshal, took the following federal prisoners to the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, today: Albert Price, two years; D. C. Cline, one year; Frank Lumpkins, two years; Walter Warde, two years; S. B. Brown, one year; Joseph Carrion, three years and \$500 fine; Dick Conway, one year; Geo. Eudick, five years and \$500 fine; H. King, two years and \$500 fine; William Hines, one year and \$100 fine, all for selling whiskey; George Denman and Henry Denman, larceny, six months and one year, respectively; Emory Davis, twelve years old, was sent to the reform school at Booneville, Mo., for robbing a postoffice.

The cattlemen of central Beaver county have organized an association for the protection of their interests. S. C. Denison was elected president and R. B. Quinn secretary. The district embraced in the organization is bounded on the north by Kansas, on the south by Texas, on the east by the John George ranch and on the west by the Shoemaker ranch. (Each member of the association is required to pay a small sum per head for gathering the cattle, and those who are not members are to pay a dollar a head for their cattle gathered through the efforts of the association. Each member failing to attend the roundup is to be taxed fifty cents for such failure.

Junior Mechanics at Krebs.

Scripps-McRae League.

South McAlester, I. T., December 26.—The state council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics closed at three days session at Krebs, I. T., three miles from this place, last night. The following officers were elected and installed: State Councilor W. A. Riley, Ardmore; state vice councilor, A. E. Reed, Krebs; state councilor secretary, R. F. Hamilton, South McAlester; state council treasurer, J. Jones, South McAlester. Representatives to the national convention in Detroit next March, J. F. Price, South McAlester, and A. E. Hale, of Sterret. The next meeting will be held at South McAlester, the first Tuesday in May, 1900.

South Before the War.

Of all the plays portraying life in Dixie land during ante-bellum days, none have been half so true to nature and so successful from an artistic and financial standpoint as the famous Martell comedy drama "The South Before the War," which comes to the Brooks Theatre Friday evening, Dec. 29. The play abounds in southern scenery. The cotton plantation is full bloom; the darkies at work picking the cotton, all the time singing the weird old southern melodies that have made the south and the negro a never to be forgotten memory. After the day's work is done the steamboat Robert E. Lee is seen coming around the bend in the river and lands at the plantation and is unloaded, and which allows of introducing pastimes on the levee, consisting of all kinds and styles of dancing, singing and acrobatic nonsense. Then a camp meeting on Frog Island is given, and in this are portrayed the various incongruities and festivities of such a scene. The company is a large one, numbering some fifty people, composed mostly of negroes who are used to giving realism to southern scenes. Another feature is the production of the "Passion Play" by the animated picture machine, representing a perfect performance of the Biblical narrative, as enacted by the devout peasantry of Horitz, Austria.

LOCAL MELANGE

Literary and musical concert tomorrow night at Brooks' Theatre.

All those who are musically inclined should attend the concert tomorrow night at Brooks' theater. Seats 35c and 50c.

The concert tomorrow night at the Brooks theater is by well known artists. The prices of admission will be 50 cents and 35 cents.

The Salvation Army of Guthrie gave a big dinner yesterday to the poor children and over fifty half clad little ones sat down to the well filled table and filled their empty stomachs. They were happy and had lots of fun.

The concert at the New Theatre tomorrow night under the auspices of the University of Oklahoma, will be a rare musical treat. Frederick M. Ross and Florence Dudley Ross are well up the ladder of fame.

The football game yesterday between the Guthrie and Oklahoma City second teams broke up in a row after playing 21 minutes. The trouble was about a foul made by a right tackle. No bones are reported broken.

The employees of the school land office made Mr. C. H. Filson a handsome Christmas present yesterday. It was a magnificent diamond set Masonic ring of the Scottish Rite degree.

The Epworth League of the First Methodist church will give a social at the parsonage Wednesday evening, December 27. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering will be received.

Committee Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Logan county Democratic central committee at the county building in Guthrie on Monday, the eighth day of January, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m. Important business demands the immediate attention of the committee and every member is urged and requested to be present. JOHN T. TAYLOR, Chairman.